

PRE-WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING  
SHAPING THE SOLUTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL AGING  
MAY 25-26, 2005  
CHARLOTTE, NC

NAME OF EVENT: Shaping the Solutions for Successful Aging

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DATE OF THE EVENT: May 25-26, 2005

LOCATION OF THE EVENT: May 25 at Highland Creek, Charlotte, NC  
May 26 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC

PERSONS ATTENDING: 200+

PRIORITY ISSUE	BARRIER	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS
Aging in Place Services	* Inadequate supply of affordable services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tax credit for caregivers</li><li>• Tax credit for employers providing elder care benefits</li><li>• HR training and education for employers/employees about cost of caregiving</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of public policy support</li><li>• Lack of funding</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Redefine Medicare and Medicaid to include more aging in place services as eligible for reimbursement</li></ul>

Need for Geriatric health evaluation, assessment and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate funding</li> <li>• Inadequate supply</li> <li>• Difficulty in accessing services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform definition of eligibility</li> <li>• Centralized database of available services</li> <li>• All chronic care meds for eligible recipients be paid by federal governments</li> <li>• No wrong door/one stop shop centers like Aging &amp; Disability Resource Center</li> <li>• Increase funding for health promotion disease prevention services</li> <li>• Educate community about the availability of services</li> </ul>
Prescription Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs</li> <li>• Public Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend Medicare and Medicaid to increase coverage for prescription drugs</li> <li>• Decrease exclusivity of drugs (time limit on patents)</li> <li>• Volume purchasing of drugs (change existing law)</li> <li>• Tort reform (liability issues)</li> <li>• Community education about being a “smart” consumer of prescription drugs</li> </ul>

